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Report from Sydney—Plague—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

SYDNEY, *March 14, 1904.*

Summary.—The last preceding case of plague was notified in this State on April 7, 1903. The last preceding plague rodent was identified on August 15, 1903.

Rodents averaging about 2,000 a week have been regularly destroyed since June 30, 1903. Rodents averaging about 600 a week have been examined in the laboratories.

Bulletin No. 1, for the week ending March 5, 1904.

	Rats.	Mice.
Rodents destroyed.....	1,691	689
Rodents examined in laboratories.....	477	314
Rodents, plague-infected.....	0	a 1

a A mouse trapped alive presented suspicious signs, and plague was identified March 7.

Bulletin No. 8, for week ending March 12, 1904.

	Rats.	Mice.
Rodents destroyed.....	1,737	962
Rodents examined in laboratories.....	539	371
Rodents, plague-infected.....	3	0

On March 9 a plague rat was found in premises on Darling Harbor. On March 11 two more were brought in from same locality.

Cases in man.

Male, age 15, attacked March 9, notified March 10, midday. Removed to hospital 3 p. m. Employed at store from which two plague rats were taken on March 11.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *March 21, 1904.*

Bulletin No. 3, for week ending March 19, 1904.

	Rats.	Mice
Rodents destroyed.....	1,890	1,407
Rodents examined in laboratories.....	680	822
Rodents plague infected.....	0	0

No case or suspected case of plague in man has occurred since March 10. Cases to date, 1.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*